

ISAC Meeting – December 10

ACTION OR INFORMATION ITEM

SPONSOR (Name/Email): Peg Brady and Susan Pasko (NOAA)

TOPIC: Policy questions regarding programs providing incentives to harvest, utilize, or market invasive species

SPEAKER (Name/E-mail): Representatives of USDA/ DOC-NOAA and DOI

1. DESCRIPTION OF AGENDA ITEM (please be thorough enough to clearly :

The issue of the utilization of invasive species (including harvested invasive species) and the effectiveness of utilization as a strategy to control invasive species -- as well any unintended consequences of such use -- has come up in a number of recent cases, especially regarding invasive fish. It would be helpful to for ISAC to hear from agencies who are addressing these issues in the absence of established legal or policy positions (DOI/DOC) and USDA that has policies and procedures in place regarding the utilization and disposition of many types of invasive species (in most cases plants and plant pests).

2. WHY IS THIS ITEM IMPORTANT TO NISC / ISAC?

Several NISC members are being asked to address this issue in the context of invasive Asian carp, lion fish, and other fish and wildlife species. There are both legal and policy issues to be addressed and NISC would be interested ISAC views and possibly recommendations on this issue. Use or sale of some of these species may also be used to reduce total outlays for come control programs.

3. PREVIOUS ACTIONS TAKEN BY NISC / ISAC ON THIS ITEM:

This issue came up during the adoption of the Biofuels White Paper; however, it was decided it should be discussed at a later meeting.

4. ACTION REQUESTED OF NISC / ISAC:

ISAC is requested to listen to the presentation and the issues and decide whether it merits consideration by an ISAC subcommittee or whether ISAC will make recommendations regarding incentive-related issues.

5. ALTERNATIVES:

Issue could be discussed if it was presented as part of a subcommittee's agenda. This issue could be addressed within the Control Subcommittee or the Research Subcommittee.

6. ATTACHMENTS: None